

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS, COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS IN ASCENDING  
ORDER WITH STATUS INDICATOR**

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The fiberboard according to claim 10~~ A fiberboard comprising natural fiber and polylactic acid resin mixed in said natural fiber as a binder, said fiberboard

(1) having a density of 0.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup> or more,

(2) comprising an initial bending strength of 30 MPa or more, said bending strength being calculated in accordance with the following expression

$$\text{bending strength (MPa)} = 3PL/2Wt^2$$

wherein P is the maximum bending load (N) to a test piece, L is the distance between fulcrums (mm) of the test piece, W is the width of the test piece (mm), and t is the thickness of the test piece (mm), and

(3) retaining 20% or more of said initial bending strength after subjecting said fiberboard to a high temperature of 50°C and a high humidity of 95% RH for 1,200 hours,

wherein the polylactic acid resin comprises a carboxyl-terminal quantity of 10 or less equivalent weight/ton.

12. (Previously Presented) The fiberboard according to claim 11, further comprising a polycarbodiimide compound which is added to the polylactic acid resin.

13. (Currently Amended) The fiberboard according to ~~any one of claims 10 to claim 11~~ or 12, wherein the polylactic acid resin comprises a remaining monomer quantity under a raw pellet state of 500 ppm or less.

14. (Currently Amended) The fiberboard according to ~~any one of claims 10 to claim 11~~ or 12, wherein the polylactic acid resin is mixed with the natural fiber at a range between 10 and 90 wt%.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Canceled).